

Nakba Day action hits Citibank

Protesters rallied and marched on May 10 in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, in commemoration of the 77th anniversary of Nakba ("the Catastrophe"). May 15, 1948, is the date when the Zionist state of Israel declared its formation after killing thousands of Palestinians and forcing hundreds of thousands from their lands.

One speaker, a mother, noted that 290,000 children are now on the brink of death, including 3,500 under the age of five. She quoted Gazans facing intentional genocidal starva-

tion, including one who said: "I tell my children, 'tomorrow we will eat.' My little ones keep waiting for tomorrow that never comes."

The march stopped in front of Citibank, protesting its funding of genocide in Gaza. PAL (Palestinian Assembly for Liberation)-Awda, the organizer of the demonstration, noted that between October 2023 and January 2025, Citibank underwrote \$2.9 billion in bonds to Israel to finance the genocide.

— Report by Brenda Ryan



Graffiti at the University of Washington following the May 5 takeover and renaming the engineering building after the martyr Sha'ban al-Dalou. [Read article online.](#)



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Brooklyn Nakba Day march,
May 10, 2025.



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Hoboken, New Jersey, protest
against a celebration of Israel's
founding. May 11, 2025.

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Palestine is our compass

The movement in solidarity with Palestine had a big win when a court order released Rûmeysa Öztürk from a Louisiana detention center. On May 9 she returned to Boston. Mass support developed for Öztürk, whose arrest resembled a kidnapping by a criminal conspiracy.

The criminals were from the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency (ICE), whose actions looked like Nazi Gestapo. Four armed, masked agents seized Öztürk, and before anyone could stop ICE, it whisked her off to a detention center 1,300 miles from her Tufts campus and her friends.

If the MAGA cabal in the White House aimed at terrifying anyone who had spoken out or was acting in solidarity with the liberation of Palestine, this reversal in Öztürk's case stopped it. Their seizure of Öztürk and other student activists like Mahmoud Khalil, along with the police beatings of demonstrators, may have aimed to stop solidarity demonstrations. So far it has broadened the support for Palestine as well as for all migrants ICE has targeted.

Can polls measure fear ... or courage? What can be measured is whether people continue speaking and fighting. It looks like the MAGA crowd's fear tactics failed. Not only has repression failed to stop student actions, it has provoked further struggle. This was shown on the U.S.'s Atlantic and Pacific coasts in mid-May.

At New York City's Columbia University police brutalized and arrested antiwar student activists after they seized part of the Butler Library building for several hours May 9 in solidarity with Palestinian liberation. Students had renamed the space the Basel al-Araj People's University, hanging up a banner that read "Strike for Gaza." Students chanted: "We have nothing to lose but our chains!" (The Guardian, May 10)

Columbia's student activists issued a statement on social media, saying: "We



Brooklyn College, May 9, 2025.

PHOTO: BKREADER.COM

are facing one of the largest militarized police forces in the world. ... but we have not wavered. ... Palestine is our compass, and we stand strong in the face of violent repression."

At the University of Washington, students held a sit-in at the Interdisciplinary Engineering Building, renaming it the Sha'ban al-Dalou Building after a Palestinian student who was burned alive in Gaza when Israeli forces bombed the Al-Aqsa hospital on October 14, 2024. Considering Boeing's role as a donor for the building, as a weapons manufacturer for the U.S. military and its allies and its location in Seattle, the Boeing war merchants were reasonable targets.

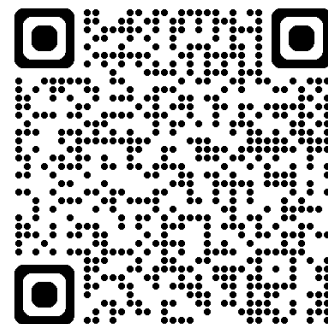
A section of political activists allied with the student protest took direct action to disrupt police attempts to repress the students' legitimate demonstration. As a result, a dumpster caught fire near the building and delayed the police attack.

The Donald Trump White House — as the Joe Biden administration earlier — has been joined at the hip with the Israeli war criminals. As these examples show, its repression has at this point resulted in a sharpened political solidarity with the liberation of Palestine. The antiwar

movement has adopted ever more energetic actions, more self-defense and refuses to submit.

If 80 years ago the Soviet Red Army was the peoples' compass, if 50 years ago the movement for liberation of Vietnam was the peoples' compass, today the compass is in Palestine. And Palestine's liberation struggle is pulling ever more people toward the revolution against imperialism and colonialism. □

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Blue Bottle baristas walk out

By Steve Gillis
Boston

Baristas at Blue Bottle coffee shops in Boston are so fed up with their boss's blatant union-busting bulls--t that they walked off the job at multiple stores twice last week. They are preparing for more job actions.

This time last year Blue Bottle workers in Greater Boston voted 38-4 in a National Labor Relations Board-conducted election to join the Blue Bottle Independent Union (BBIU). This came after years of low wages and disrespect from the San Francisco-based, high-end coffee chain, part of the Nestlé corporation's sprawling global conglomerate.

The company at first recognized the union's landslide and agreed to bargain, but Nestlé's corporate lawyers have been stalling negotiations ever since. For months they have refused to substantively respond to the union's demands for living wages, improved benefits and job rights — instead becoming

fixated on their own language about AI surveillance technology at the coffee shops.

Workers at five of Blue Bottles' six area stores locked the doors on May 6 at noon following the company's absurd and unilateral declaration of an impasse regarding spy cameras — while refusing to address the union's concerns about AI's tendency under capitalism toward discrimination, write-ups and discipline. They marched on the boss's office downtown and converged for a strategy meeting.

When Blue Bottle's only response was to fire Chestnut Hill store barista Bella Roman, workers there hit the bricks again on May 9, demanding immediate reinstatement of their beloved co-worker. This walkout was live streamed at @bbiunion.bsky.social.

As a self-financed union where the workers have chosen to be independent of what



PHOTO: BLUE BOTTLE INDEPENDENT UNION

Chestnut Hill store Blue Bottle baristas walk out to demand reinstatement of wrongfully fired co-worker, Boston, May 9, 2025.

they term “big business unionism,” the BBIU has published a fundraising site. BBIU is reaching out for international solidarity as baristas prepare to step up job actions against Nestlé S.A., the world's largest publicly held food company based in Vevey, Switzerland. □

Palestinian factions welcome Norwegian trade unions' call to boycott Israel

Below are statements from several Palestinian resistance organizations hailing the May 9 call by the Norwegian Confederation of Trade Unions (LO) to boycott Israel.



Logo of the Alliance of Palestinian Forces.

Hamas:

Hamas highly values the decision by the Norwegian Confederation of Trade Unions to boycott the Zionist occupation and ban trade and investment with its companies.

It considers this a courageous step that aligns with truth and justice and a victory for the rights of the Palestinian people.

Hamas calls on labor and trade unions worldwide to emulate this ethical stance, and isolate the fascist entity, and expose its crimes against humanity.

Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP):

The DFLP commends the historic decision of the Norwegian unions, passed by 240 to 69

votes, as a major victory for the global solidarity movement and a strong boost to BDS [Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement].

The resolution states: “If the occupation does not end by September 2025, the Norwegian Confederation of Trade Unions will work to ensure that Norway initiates an international economic boycott.”

It calls for pension funds, companies and financial institutions to refrain from investing in firms complicit in occupation.

The DFLP urges all labor unions to escalate boycott campaigns until the occupation ends and the Palestinian state is established with the return of refugees per [United Nations] Resolution 194.

Boycott is the weapon of the people against colonialism.

Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP):

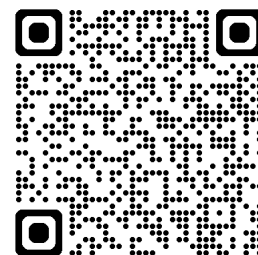
The PFLP welcomes the Norwegian unions' decision, supported by 78% of delegates, as a historic and courageous act and a moral and political victory for Palestinian rights.

The stance confirms the Zionist entity's increasing international isolation after its genocidal crimes in Gaza and the West Bank.

The Front stresses the importance of expanding boycott campaigns — especially against the [Zionist labor federation] Histadrut, which supports the colonial system.

It calls on unions worldwide to adopt bold positions in support of the Palestinian people and the values of freedom, justice and human rights. □

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¡Rompamos el asedio a la ayuda humanitaria a Gaza!

En su continua campaña genocida contra el pueblo palestino, Israel utilizó aviones no tripulados el 2 de mayo para atacar al desarmado Conscience (alias Al-Dameer), un barco de la Coalición de la Flotilla de la Libertad. La tripulación y los pasajeros del barco intentaban transportar toneladas de ayuda humanitaria a Gaza cuando el barco fue atacado en aguas internacionales cerca de Malta, un país insular situado justo al sur de Sicilia.

La ayuda incluía alimentos, agua, combustible, suministros médicos y otras necesidades vitales negadas a la población de Gaza durante los dos últimos meses por el repentino fin del acuerdo de alto el fuego a principios de marzo por parte del régimen sionista respaldado por Estados Unidos y su continuo y horrible bloqueo de la ayuda a Gaza.

Israel ha utilizado el hambre como arma para forzar el desplazamiento de cientos de miles de palestinos de su patria robada. Los palestinos encarcelados también han sido sometidos a la inanición como forma de tortura y muerte.

En 2010, los israelíes bombardearon el barco de la Coalición de la Flotilla Mavi Marmara que partió de Türkiye con ayuda similar para la Palestina ocupada y asesinaron a nueve activistas turcos e hirieron a más de dos docenas. Afortunadamente, no hubo víctimas entre los activistas que representaban a 21 países en el Conciencia a pesar de que el barco quedó inutilizado. Greta Thunberg, la conocida activista contra el cambio climático, era una de las 40 personas que esperaban para embarcar en Malta antes del ataque.

Los activistas de la coalición emitieron la siguiente declaración: «Los embajadores israelíes deben ser convocados y responder por las violaciones del derecho internacional, incluido el bloqueo en curso y el bombardeo de nuestro buque civil en aguas internacionales». (The Guardian, 2 de mayo)

Varios grupos de resistencia y facciones palestinas condenaron el ataque como un acto de terrorismo y una flagrante violación

del derecho internacional. El Movimiento de Resistencia Islámica de Hamás declaró que en Gaza se ha declarado una hambruna en toda regla.



Hambre en Rafah, en el sur de Gaza.

El régimen fascista sionista ha bloqueado periódicamente la ayuda humanitaria a Gaza desde el diluvio de Al-Aqsa del 7 de octubre de 2023, alegando que Hamás desviaría la ayuda hacia sus combatientes. Esto es una mentira descarada. El objetivo del régimen de Benjamín Netanyahu es librar a Gaza y Cisjordania del mayor número posible de civiles palestinos, incluidos niños, anexionarse la tierra y ampliar sus asentamientos ilegales al Líbano y Siria. Israel sigue bombardeando sin piedad la capital siria de Damasco.

Se necesitan más acciones antiimperialistas

No importa cuántos innumerables crímenes de guerra cometan contra el pueblo palestino este régimen sionista asesino y su principal apoyo imperialista, Estados

Unidos, los días de Israel están contados. Israel se ha convertido en el paria mundial número uno. Incluso dentro de la ocupada Tel Aviv, judíos, palestinos y cristianos, en número de 10.000, celebraron recientemente una manifestación portando las fotos de los niños palestinos asesinados y pidiendo el fin del genocidio. A diferencia de manifestaciones anteriores, no se veía ni una sola bandera israelí.

Cada vez son más los jóvenes reservistas israelíes que eligen cumplir condena en prisión antes que cometer un genocidio en Gaza. La economía israelí sigue hundiéndose, con el cierre de empresas, boicots internacionales a sus productos y el sabotaje de sus rutas marítimas en los mares Rojo y Mediterráneo por las fuerzas navales de Yemen.

El movimiento antiimperialista mundial, especialmente dentro de Estados Unidos, debe seguir atendiendo el llamamiento de la Resistencia Palestina a favor de más acciones directas para profundizar su solidaridad política con la liberación de Palestina.

Mundo Obrero apoya incondicionalmente el llamamiento del Frente Popular para la Liberación de Palestina para que grandes convoyes de libertad de varios continentes rompan el asedio de Gaza en respuesta al ataque contra el barco humanitario Al-Dameer.

¡Detengan todos los ataques contra la ayuda humanitaria a Gaza!

Del río al mar, ¡Palestina será libre! ☐

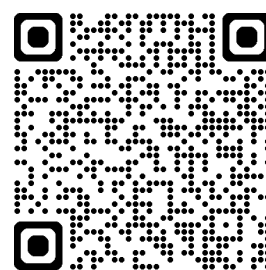


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Buque dañado de la Coalición Flotilla de la Libertad de Conciencia

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